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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO LAGOS: JOINT
COMMUNIQUE

REFS: A) BONN 11697; B) LAGOS 8101

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US A COPY OF THE
JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND LT.
GENERAL OBASANJO ON JUNE 28 IN LAGOS.

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2. OUR CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHO TOOK PART
IN THE VISIT DESCRIBED THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMUNIQUE
AS HARD, BUT TEMPERED SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT THE FRG
"CAN LIVE WITH IT."

3. FOLLOWING ARE THE MORE RELEVANT PASSAGES OF THE

COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN ENGLISH. COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (AF/W) AND EMBASSY LAGOS.

BEGIN EXCERPTS

2. DURING THE VISIT, THE TWO LEADERS EXCHANGED FRANK VIEWS IN A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. THEY REACHED PERFECT UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWS ON ALL THE POINTS DISCUSSED.

5. FURTHERMORE, THE TWO LEADERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE GROWING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AS WELL AS THE INCREASE OF GERMAN PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN THE NIGERIAN PRIVATE SECTOR. THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA. IN THIS REGARD THE GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL ASSIST, THROUGH APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROJECTS IN THAT SECTOR.

6. CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES OF THE GROWING BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS, THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO CONCLUDE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGN AT AN EARLY DATE AN AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION WHICH WOULD, AMONG OTHER FUNCTIONS, SERVE TO CO-ORDINATE, MONITOR AND PROMOTE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS.

12. THE TWO LEADERS AGREED ON THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE EXISTING LOMEETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE ACP COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SECOND LOME CONVENTION WHICH IS SHORTLY TO BE CHAIRED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

14. ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP SATISFACTION OVER THE PROGRESS AND SUCCESS THE AFRICAN PEOPLES HAVE SO FAR ACHIEVED IN REALIZING THEIR JUST ASPIRATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, RACIAL EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

15. THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED EXTENSIVELY THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND

AGREED ON THE URGENT NEED FOR STRENGTHENING PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE CONTINENT. THEY ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR RESPECTING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE AFRICAN STATES, AND THEIR EXISTING BOUNDARIES AS WELL AS ASSURING THEM OF THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM FROM ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE

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OR DOMINATION.

17. THE TWO LEADERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION IN NAMIBIA. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIA

QUESTION COULD STILL BE FOUND. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA ACHIEVES HER INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO FINDING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA WERE CAREFULLY EXAMINED. THEY CONSIDERED THAT THESE PROPOSALS COULD FORM A BASIS FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF NAMIBIA INTO INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, PROVIDING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS WAS AGREED UPON BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING SWAPO.

18. THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE PROPOSALS COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE ISSUE. THEY AGREED THAT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ONLY A SETTLEMENT WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF ALL THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS INCLUDING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT COULD GUARANTEE A GENUINE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY AND LEAD TO RACIAL HARMONY, PROSPERITY, JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THAT TERRITORY. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEY REGARD THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS INADEQUATE AND THEREFORE UNACCEPTABLE.

19. BOTH SIDES RENEWED THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY THEREFORE RESOLVED TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS BRINGING ABOUT A RAPID CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF APARTHEID. THE NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE NOTED THE FORMAL ASSURANCES OF FEDERAL CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THAT THERE IS NONE AND THERE WILL BE NO MILITARY AND/OR NUCLEAR COOPERATION, WHATSOEVER, BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH SIDES WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THE UN SECURITY

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418.

21. THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED VARIOUS AREAS OF CONFLICT IN AFRICA PARTICULARLY THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE AND AGREED THAT THESE CONFLICTS REQUIRE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RATHER THAN MILITARY SOLUTIONS.

24. THE TWO LEADERS AGREE THAT A PEACE SETTLEMENT
IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD BE BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 242 AND 338. THEY AFFIRM THEIR BELIEF THAT -

- THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE IS
INADMISSABLE,

- ISRAEL MUST END THE TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION
WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED SINCE THE CONFLICT
OF 1967,

- THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND
INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA AND
THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES MUST BE RESPECTED,

- IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND LASTING PEACE
ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIANS. END EXCERPTS.

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